## SENATE BILL 1195

## By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 13; Title 65 and Title 68, relative to utility services.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-6-120, is amended by adding the following language at the end of subdivision (a)(1):

Any party having an interest in the subject matter and aggrieved or prejudiced by the finding and adjudication of the water and wastewater treatment authority board may pray and obtain an appeal from the finding and adjudication to the circuit court of the county in the manner provided by law for appeals from the court of general sessions, upon the execution of an appeal bond as provided by law.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-6-120, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting the following:

(b) The authority granted in this section shall prevail over any other provision of the law to the contrary for all water and wastewater service providers proposing to provide such services in the service area of the authority. Any city proposing to provide such services in the service area of the authority shall have authorization to do so only by filing a petition in the manner established by this section and receiving a cession by the authority, with the exception of an annexing municipality acting pursuant to § 6-51-111.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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